

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

January 3, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of an investigation conducted by Special Agent James Glymph, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning an audit by the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Compliance that identified approximately \$9,835 in improper expenditures from the John Burroughs Elementary School (JBES) Student Activity Fund (SAF).

The investigation revealed that Nae McKinney Davis, former Principal of JBES, managed the SAF and authorized the SAF expenditures. The purpose of the SAF (sometimes referred to as Non-Appropriated/General Fund) was to promote the general welfare, education and morale of students, and to finance recognized extra-curricular activities of the JBES student body. Davis' fiduciary responsibilities obligated her to ensure compliance with DCPS policies and procedures related to the operation of the SAF.

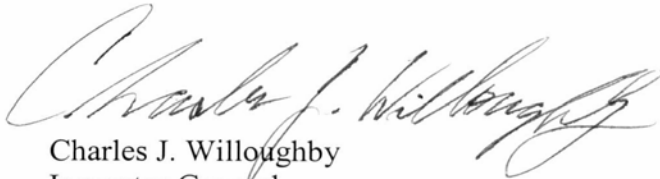
Beginning September 9, 2000, through September 16, 2002, Davis used monies from the SAF to shop at various store locations, including COSTCO, Ames, and Shopper's Food Warehouse. At these and other locations, Davis signed SAF checks to purchase, in part, the following items: R-rated DVDs, lobster, King Crab, shrimp, veal, sushi, MCI calling cards, a Palm Pilot, travel clocks, and a cordless telephone. As a result, Davis spent approximately \$9,835.86 from the SAF for her own personal use/benefit.

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On October 31, 2005, pursuant to a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Davis pled guilty to one count of First Degree Theft, in violation of D.C. Code §§ 22-3211(b)(2) and 22-3212(a). On December 15, 2005, the Honorable Harold Cushman, Jr., Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, sentenced Davis to 10 months confinement (suspended), one year probation, and a \$200.00 fine to be paid to the Victim's of Violent Crimes Fund. Davis had previously reimbursed the JBES SAF \$9,834.86 on September 30, 2005.

If you need additional information, please feel free to call me on (202) 727-2540 or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2004-0146.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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